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TOGETHER WITH THE BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER AND ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF SAME

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MONROE, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 17-20, 1916

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Introductory Sermon of the next Session of this Conference to be preached by Rev. J. D. Rodgers, of Saline, La.

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## MINISTERIAL ROLL.

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|---|---|
| Brown, G. J. L. | Ball, La. |
| Bartlett, Mrs. Mary E. | Atlanta, Texas |
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| Brady, Mrs. S. A. | Monroe, La. |
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| Fordham, W. F. | Winsboro, La. |
| Hearn, E. O. | Chatham, La. |
| Hollenshead, M. S. | Haynesville, La. |
| Holt, J. A. | Atlanta, Texas |
| Hearn, J. F. | Chatham, La., R. No. 2 |
| Hearn, J. C. | Grayson, La. |
| Johnson, Mrs. Ada | Delhi, La., R. No. 2 |
| Kidd, Milton | Plain Dealing, La. |
| Little, J. Chesley | Atlanta, Texas |
| Lee, J. W. | Grayson, La. |
| Lewis, J. W. | Rochelle, La. |
| Mouser, Enoch M. | Ansley, La. |
| Moreland, L. P. | Dodson, La. |
| Nalley, O. W. | Ball, La. |
| Owen, J. M. | Jonesboro, La. |
| Perdue, Mrs. Mary E. | Atlanta, Texas |
| Ponder, D. T. | Eros, La. |
| Patton, I. A. | Bentley, La. |
| Reid, J. F. | Jena, La. |
| Riley, J. A. | Trout, La. |
| Rodgers, J. D. | Saline, La. |
| Shows, F. Lyman | Pollock, La. |
| Smart, P. A. | Chatham, La. |
| Swayzee, L. H. | Monroe, La. |
| Smith, J. T. | Buckeye, La. |
| Terry, John W. | Downsville, La. |
| Wade, J. A. | Magnolia, Ark. |
| Wardlow, Mrs. Lula | Montgomery, La. |

## "THIRD YEAR."

Gunter, R. L. .....Jena, La.

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## "SECOND YEAR."

Griffin, B. F. .....Queen City, Tex.
Murrell, J. F. .....Luna, La.
Guinn, Lonnie .....Pollock, La.
Stewart, O. W. .....Pollock, La.
Jones, V. O. .....Winnfield, La.
Tisdale, W. O. .....Tehaucana, Texas
Futrell, F. C. .....Tehaucana, Texas

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## "FIRST YEAR."

Cantley, H. H. .....South Mansfield, La.
Deville, B. .....Nebo, La.
Johnson, D. S. .....Winsboro, La.
Mason, C. W. .....Ansley, La.
Paul, Mrs. L. M. .....Jonesville, La.
Harris, W. W. .....Fouke, Ark.

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## "SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS."

Austin, A. G. .....Dodson, La.
Mason, W. P. .....Randolph, La.
Platt, W. M. .....Ouachita, La.

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## "FOREIGN MISSIONARIES."

Long, Miss Mattie
.....Dhulia West Khandesh, India
Williams, Miss Florence

# OUR SAINTED DEAD

"THESE ALL DIED IN THE FAITH."

"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, saith the Spirit, they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

David Allen Doddie
Gans Houston Smith
James Benjamin Landers
Calvin Sidney Morrison
Josiah T. Humphreys
Oliver R. Hearn
B. W. Taylor
James P. Patton
I. R. Strickland
W. Davis Owen
Robert F. Crow
T. L. Crumpler

## LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

| Name. | Address. |
|---|---|
| Warner, J. N. | Pollock, La. |
| Haynes, G. B. | West Monroe, La. |
| Hyde, Mrs. N. M. | Winnfield, La. |
| Edwards, W. L. | Ansley, La. |
| Bishop, Mrs. Willie | Strange, La. |
| White, E. C. | Homer, La. |
| Payne, J. T. | Dodson, La. |
| Taylor, Joe | Jena, La., R. F. D. |
| Baker, Floyd | Queen City, Texas |
| Little, Lawrence | Couley, La., Winn Parish |
| Head, J. W. | Chatham, La., R. F. D. No. 2 |
| Head, S. L. | Luna, La. |
| Crawford, T. J. | Pineville, La. |
| Garlington, H. S. | Dryprong, La., R. F. D. |
| Lewis, Luther | Rochelle, La. |
| Ashley, Miss Leatha | Winsboro, La., R. F. D. |
| Ray, J. W. | Eros, La., R. F. D. |
| Crawford, T. C. | Downsville, La. |
| McKeithen, Mrs. John | Grayson, La. |
| Rodgers, J. D., Sr. | Plain Dealing, La., R. F. D. |
| Downs, H. H. | Hope, La. |
| Kirkley, W. B. | Grove, La., R. F. D. No. 1 |
| Harris, J. N. | Jonesboro, La., R. No. 2 |
| Hardtner, Henry E. | Urania, La. |
| Branch, Ben | Fouke, Ark., R. 2 |
| Dunn, Mrs. N. M. | Glenella, La. |
| Hughes, G. D. | Rawls, Ark. |

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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The 70th Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at Monroe, Louisiana, November 17th, 1916, with President Enoch M. Mouser in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by the President, and after a most earnest prayer, he declared the Conference opened for business.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and twenty-nine Ministers and Delegates answered to their names.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Owen, the Conference decided to call the roll of "Our Dead" at the beginning of each session of the Conference.

On motion the Conference Bar was fixed to include the first six rows of pews, and all visiting brothers and sisters be invited to an honorary seat in the body.

Secretary was authorized to read the announcements of the various Committees appointed by the President. At this time the Rev. R. H. M. Watson, Dr. Charles H. Beck, Dr. Crates Johnson, and Dr. George H. Miller were introduced to the Conference.

On motion the Conference was instructed to meet promptly at 8:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

The President submitted his report, which was read and adopted. (See Report.)

Secretary submitted report which was adopted. (See report.)

On motion of G. J. L. Brown, the chair appointed a committee on grievances, also a committee on Pastors Reports. (See Committees.)

Motion prevailed to elect a Statistical Secretary, after vote was taken, the President declared Rev. J. D. Rogers as the Statistical Secretary.

Brother A. W. Stewort of Pollock, La., expressed his personal appreciation toward the work of our church by presenting to the Louisiana Conference a beautifully engraved silver mounted gavel.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

### First Day.

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. O. W. Stewart.

Roll called and corrected.

Dr. J. C. Williams, Rev. S. H. Matthews, and Mrs. Ella Harris, from Texas, were introduced to the Conference.

Secretary was authorized to drop from the Conference Roll the following names: W. P. Fowler, W. W. Lantrip, Mrs. E. J. Malone, A. J. McDaniel, L. W. Smart, A. G. Austin.

Motion prevailed and Dr. George H. Miller addressed the Conference upon the general interest of the church.

On motion Dr. Crates Johnson addressed the Conference in the interest of the "forward movement."

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference entered into the election of officers.

The chair appointed as tellers of the election, F. Lyman Shows, W. W. McDonald, H. S. Garlington.

Rev. E. M. Mouser was re-elected President on the first ballot, and by motion the vote was made unanimous.

It was moved and carried that the chair be empowered to cast the Conference ballot in favor of the re-election of Mrs. Mary E. Perdue as Secretary, W. W. McDonald, Conference Steward, and Alex R. MacDonald as Financial Secretary.

Secretary read report from Revs. J. A. Riley and O. W. Nalley, which were adopted.

On motion Rev. R. H. M. Watson, Bro. A. W. Stewart, and others, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Mission work in India.

Motion prevailed and the President was authorized to appoint a committee to draft resolutions and formulate plans, relative to this special work. (See report.)

On motion the 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. hours of the following day were set apart as a time for Dr. Charles H. Beck and Dr. J. C. Williams to address the Conference.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## NIGHT SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Committee on Old Peoples Home submitted their report, which was adopted. An offering was taken for this purpose, which amounted to $31.50. (See Committee.)

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

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## MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

After the devotional services by Rev. E. A. Dennard, the President declared the Conference opened for business.

Roll was called, the minutes read, corrected and adopted.

Revs. J. A. Wade and O. W. Stewart and R. L. Gunter submitted their reports, which were adopted.

Conference Missionaries, Revs. E. A. Dennard, J. F. Reid, J. C. Little, and Sister Ada Johnson, submitted their reports, which were adopted.

According to previous appointment, Dr. Charles H. Beck addressed the Conference upon the general interest of the church.

On motion, the 3 P. M. hour was set apart to consider the appeal of Rev. M. S. Hollenshead.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. T. Ezell.

Roll call omitted.

Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted report, which was adopted. (See Committee.)

At this time the President called for a special session of prayer, after which Dr. J. C. Williams addressed the Conference in the interest of our College at Tehaucana, Texas.

Rev. A. Devill made application to re-enter the Conference, and by motion his case was referred to a committee, the chair was empowered to appoint said committee.

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference proceeded to hear the appeal of Rev. M. S. Hollenshead.

Motion prevailed and Dr. Charles H. Beck was called to the chair.

On motion the Conference went into an executive session and the appeal was taken up in disciplinary form, at the close of which, on motion of Rev. J. A. Wade, the vote was taken, which resulted in the cancellation of the former verdict. On motion of J. A. Wade, the vote was made unanimous.

Motion prevailed and Dr. Charles H. Beck was extended a vote of thanks for his efficient service.

Motion prevailed to adjourn, to meet in a night session.

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## NIGHT SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Conference called to order by the President.

Committee on Temperance submitted report, which was adopted. (See Committee.)

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order gave notice of several changes to be made.

Committee on Pastors' Reports submitted report, which was adopted. (See Committee.)

Committee on Examination, Itineracy and Orders made partial report, which was adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

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## MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Devotional services by Rev. J. A. Christian.

Roll call omitted.

Minutes read, corrected and adopted.

Chair appointed O. W. Stewart to fill vacancy made by the absence of A. W. Stewart, on committee on rescue work.

Rev. A. Devill made statement to the Conference, after said statement motion prevailed and he was re-admitted into the Conference.

Committee on Pastor's Reports made supplementary report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion the chair appointed an investigation and peace committee, to investigate the difference between Rev. L. H. Swayzee and Sister Brady. (See Report.)

Revs. H. H. Cantley and V. O. Jones made verbal report, which was accepted.

On motion Rev. E. M. Mouser was re-elected financial agent of Tehaucana College.

On motion Bro. J. D. Rogers was authorized to present his claims to Conference Steward for settlement.

On motion the chair was empowered to appoint a committee to have the Louisiana Conference chartered, and also to examine the titles of the property of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Committee on Rescue Work submitted their report, after discussion the report was adopted. (See Committee.)

On motion a committee of five was appointed and said committee was authorized to act as agents for the Conference, in the sale of the property of the Home of the Good Samaritan. (See Committee.)

Rev. L. H. Swayzee, Manager of the Home of the Good Samaritan, submitted report, which was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Downs, Financial Agent of the Home of the Good Samaritan, submitted his report, which was adopted, and by motion a vote of thanks was extended to Rev. J. R. Downs, L. H. Swayzee and wife.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Conference called to order by the President.

Conference Steward submitted report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion the superannuated funds were divided between Revs. W. P. Mason and W. M. Platt.

Rev. Lyman F. Shows made verbal report in reference to Sister L. M. Paul, which was received.

Committee on Revision of By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Foreign Mission Work submitted report, which was adopted, and by motion Bro. A. W. Stewart was appointed to meet the Foreign Mission Board to assist in the consummation of the work in India. (See Report.)

Financial Secretary submitted report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Examination, Itineracy and Orders submitted report, which was adopted, and by motion the Secretary

was authorized to embody the name of W. W. Harris in said report. (See Report.)

By motion J. D. Rodgers, E. W. Corley, Mrs. Lula Wardlow, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. S. A. Brady, O. W. Nalley and Milton Kidd were elected to elder's orders.

Ministerial Relief Fund submitted report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Investigation and Peace Committee submitted report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Evangelistic Report of Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett and Mary E. Perdue was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to appoint a place for the sitting of the next Annual Conference. Dodson and Spring Hill were placed in nomination. After the vote was taken Dodson was declared as the place chosen, and by motion it was ordered that Conference convene at 10 o'clock A. M. Friday before the third Sunday in November, 1917.

Rev. J. D. Rogers was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the sitting of the next Annual Conference.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

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## NIGHT SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Conference called to order by the President.

Chair appointed Committee on Appeals. (See Committee.)

Stationing Committee submitted their report. (See Appointments.)

Motion prevailed and the Secretary of the Finance Committee was authorized to proportion the balance due on the delegates' expenses to the General Conference to the different charges for collection.

On motion Bro. A. G. Austin was received back into the Conference.

Moved and carried that we adjourn to meet in Dodson, La., Friday before the third Sunday in November, 1917.

Thus closed the 70th Session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the 70th Session of Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at Monroe,

GREETINGS:—Immediately after Conference I moved back to Ansley, after which I entered upon my official duties, endeavoring to visit every church and circuit, visiting all but one mission and a few churches, having visited a large majority of our churches twice. Taking everything into consideration, I find most of our people hopeful and looking forward toward a greater and more successful future.

### Official Acts.

1st. Rev. W. W. Lantrip was granted a letter of standing on the 20th day of November, 1915.

2nd. Rev. A. J. McDaniel surrendered his credentials on the 28th day of November, 1915.

3rd. Rev. J. C. Hearn was appointed pastor of Grayson circuit, December 2nd, 1915.

4th. Rev. Jack Wiggins was appointed pastor of Jena church on the 3rd day of January, 1916.

5th. Rev. A. G. Austin was granted a letter of standing February 7th, 1916.

6th. By request Rev. L. W. Smart was released from Rice circuit on the 7th of March.

7th. Rev. J. F. Reid was appointed pastor of Larto Mission March 5th.

8th. Rev. J. A. Holt was released from Roberts mission on the 19th day of April.

9th. Mrs. E. J. Malone was granted a letter of standing on the 3rd of April.

10th. Rev. L. W. Smart was granted a letter of standing on the 20th day of June.

11th. Early in the year Rev. E. A. Dennard was appointed pastor of Sunrise church.

12th. About the 15th of July I appointed Rev. J. W. Wood pastor of Roberts mission.

13th. By request Rev. B. F. Griffin was released from Queen City circuit.

14th. Rev. W. P. Fowler was granted a transfer to the Arkansas Conference, Fort Smith district.

15th. Rev. J. W. Woods was appointed pastor of Queen City circuit August 15th.

16th. On or about the 5th of March charges of immorality were preferred against Rev. Marvin S. Hollinshead, which charges were duly delivered to me by his accusers, and immediately I proceeded to bring the accused to trial according to the law and discipline of our church.

On the 29th day of March, 1916, the court of trial convened in the city of Winnfield, La., and the proceedings were duly carried out. After the prosecutors were through with testimony taken in the case, the committee of trial deliberating on same for five hours, returned with a unanimous verdict sustaining charges, and demanding that the accused surrender his credentials to the proper authority. This the accused refused to do, and notified the chair of his intentions of appealing his case to the Annual Conference, and in due time he notified the chair in writing. The chair recommends that this matter be looked into at once.

## Hinderances.

While there may be many problems that confront us as a church, we will mention only two.

First: We are not as deeply spiritual as God's people should be, hence we need a deeper consecration which would bring to us the real baptism of God's holy spirit.

Second: We need a spirit of greater liberality. We will have to give more liberally of our means to the support of our pastors, or they will not be able to do the work well that is required of a pastor.

We insist that all our people adopt the plan of tithing, and in doing so the Lord's cause will never suffer, and God will abundantly bless us, as in days of old.

Your humble servant,

ENOCH M. MOUSER,
President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, now in Session at Monroe, La.:

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| Public Offering at Conference | $55.65 |
| Collected during the year | 14.25 |
| Total | $69.90 |

Disbursements.

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| Printing Conference Journal | $64.00 |
| Mailing Journals | 5.00 |
| Correspondence | 1.00 |
| | $70.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. PERDUE,
Secretary.

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## REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

To the Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, I submit this my report:

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| Collected during the year | | $250.00 |
| To cash Home Mission | $25.00 | |
| To cash Foreign Mission | 25.00 | |
| To cash Ministerial Education | 25.00 | |
| To cash Board of Church Extension | 25.00 | |
| To cash Rescue Home | 62.50 | |
| To cash Conference Secretary | 50.00 | |
| To cash Superannuated Ministers | 12.50 | |
| To cash Young Peoples work | 6.25 | |
| To cash General Conference claims | 6.25 | |
| J. D. Rodgers | 10.00 | |
| Publication of Minutes | 2.50 | |

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. McDONALD, Sr.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

To the Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, now in session at Monroe, La., I submit financial report of President's salary:

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| Collected from pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and those in the President's hands | $635.00 |
| Received for evangelistic service | 170.00 |
| Total amount | $805.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
ALEX. R. MacDONALD,
Financial Secretary.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT RESCUE HOME.

Report of President and Manager of the Home of the Good Samaritan:

Brethren, as you know, this has been a hard, strenuous year, many obstacles have come our way, but by the grace of God we have tried to overcome them all.

We have had on average twenty-five inmates per month, have adopted five babies into good homes, two babies have died. Have placed one girl in Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn., to study for the ministry. We have twenty-eight inmates in the home at the present time.

Financial Report.

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| Bills amounting | | $1492.55 |
| Collected by Bro. Downs | $700.00 | |
| By self | 230.00 | |
| Donated | 160.00 | |
| Milk, butter, etc. | 301.35 | |
| Total | $1391.35 | $ 101.20 |

In bank—$232.70.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. SWAYZEE.

## REPORT OF THE FIELD AGENT OF THE HOME OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

Rev. J. R. Downs, field agent of the Home of the Good Samaritan, made a verbal report of his work during the year which was ratified in the report of the President and Manager, Rev. L. H. Swayzee.

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## REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

We submit the following report: After having examined the treasury we find that we have a balance on hand of $21.00.

We believe this to be a very important matter, and insist upon our ministers and preachers paying their annual dues at once.

Respectfully submitted,
G. J. L. BROWN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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## PASTORS' REPORTS.

We, your Committee on Pastors' Reports have carefully examined the reports of the following pastors, and recommend that the same be received as submitted.

J. W. Terry, L. P. Moreland, Milton Kidd, E. A. Dennard, E. O. Hearn, W. S. Dunn, J. D. Rodgers, J. M. Owen, B. F. Griffin, G. J. L. Brown, J. W. Lee, J. F. Murrell, F. Lyman Shows, J. H. Lewis, E. W. Corley, Mrs. S. A. Brady, J. F. Hearn, A. T. Ezell, I. A. Patton, B. Deville, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, J. C. Hearn, J. A. Holt.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. TERRY,
J. F. REID,
J. H. LEWIS,
Committee.

## EVANGELISTS REPORTS.

To the Annual Conference now in session, we submit this as our report:

Besides caring for the two little mission churches assigned to our care, we have held twenty-four revival meetings. In all these meetings we have had signal victories, in the reclamation, regeneration and sanctification of many precious souls.

As to the number that have been added to the church, also the baptismal and financial report will be shown in the report of the different pastors with whom we have labored.

This has been a busy year with us, we have labored hard and have endeavored to rescue the perishing. We covet your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. BARTLETT,
M. E. PERDUE.

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To the Seventieth Session of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana District.

In Jesus name, Greetings:—The closing year has been a very busy one, not in the field, however, all the time, but beside sick beds, in my own home, as well as others, trying as best I could to lift burdens and scatter sunshine.

I have held and assisted in nine revival meetings. God wonderfully blessed and many precious souls found pardon and purity. I have baptized twenty adults and children, prayed in a number of homes, organized twenty cottage prayer-meetings, and in fact, have gone through every door possible that has been opened to me.

The Lord has further blessed my work by calling two young men into the ministry who were saved or reclaimed under my labors.

I have received for my work about $125.00.

Less than the least,
MRS. LULA WARDLOW.

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To the 70th Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana District. Dear Brethren and Sisters: I beg to submit the following report: I have held seven revival

meetings, in which God has graciously blessed, saving more than one hundred souls. I have preached, altogether, one hundred and seventy-two times, received $150.00 for my evangelistic services. Raised for all purposes $1059.00. Received forty-five into the church, and have licensed three to preach.

Pray for me, your brother,

J. A. WADE.

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## MISSIONARIES REPORTS.

To the 70th Annual Session of the Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana District, Greetings:—It is with sorrow that I am not privileged to be with you in this Annual Session.

I have done the best I could under the existing circumstances. Have assisted in several meetings, have read the word and prayed in many homes.

I was assisted by Q. L. Bennett in a tent meeting at Good Pine, La. Since then I have been giving that place a monthly appointment, and the outlook is encouraging.

I have received four members into the church, baptized three, buried three, received about $20.00 for my support. The Lord has blessed my labors in the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RILEY.

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To the Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, now in session at Monroe, La., I submit this my report:

I have preached at different places, at school houses, logging camps, etc., have held six revival meetings, have had some real true conversions, have received for my labors about $70.65.

My path has not been strewn with roses, have had victories and defeats but the dear Lord has led me safely through. May the dear Lord bless this Christian body and grant that the missionary spirit may continue to prevail.

I am yours for the right,

MRS. ADA JOHNSON.

To the President and members of the 70th Session, Louisiana Conference, I submit my report.

I have preached thirty times during the year, traveled about 700 miles, prayed in thirty-five homes, administered the sacrament once, have received $13.00 for my support.

When not preaching, have been engaged in Sunday school work. May God's blessing rest upon this honorable body. The past is under the blood.

J. F. REID.

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To the Annual Conference of Methodist Protestant Church, I submit this my report.

I have been regularly engaged in the work, the Lord has blessed my labors. I am in love with God and his people.

Yours in Jesus,

E. A. DENNARD.

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To the Methodist Protestant Church now in session at Monroe, La. Dear Brethren:—I have preached once or twice every month, have assisted in several revival meetings, in which many souls have been saved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. GUNTER.

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To the 70th Session of the Louisiana Conference, I herewith submit my report.

I have conducted six revival meetings, and have preached at several appointments besides. I feel that the Lord has wonderfully blest me and my work. I feel greatly indebted to the church and the Conference that has done so much for me. I covet your prayers, and beg you for a place where I may still labor for God and our church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. CHESLEY LITTLE.

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To the Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church, now in session, I wish to submit this my report:

I have preached from three to four times a month ever since Conference, assisted in three revival meetings, in which souls were saved, and the church revived. Have received $30.00 for my services. I desire to be more useful, and do more for the church.

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. NALLEY.

## COMMITTEES

### Pulpit Committee:

Mrs. S. A. Brady, Chairman; Talmage Reed, G. B. Haynes.

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### Examination of Pastors' Reports.

J. W. Terry, J. F. Reed, J. H. Lewis.

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### Sabbath Observance:

Mrs. Lula Wardlow, J. M. Owen, W. L. Edwards.

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### Temperance:

Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, J. N. Harris, Joe Taylor.

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### Standing District Committee:

J. M. Owen, E. A. Dennard, J. F. Reid, W. W. McDonald, J. T. Payne.

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### Education:

J. N. Warner, J. D. Rogers, Jr., E. C. White.

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### Examination, Itineracy and Orders.

F. Lyman Shows, E. O. Hearn, J. C. Hearn.

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### Revision of By-Laws.

J. W. Terry, J. H. Lewis, Ben Branch.

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### Church Extension:

F. Lyman Shows, A. W. Stewart, E. O. Hearn, W. W. McDonald, J. W. Lee.

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### Finance Committee:

W. W. McDonald, J. T. Payne, Alex. R. MacDonald, Secretary; J. D. Rodgers, M. S. Hollinshead.

**Ministerial Relief Fund:**

H. S. Garlington, Luther Lewis, G. J. L. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer.

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**Rescue Home:**

W. W. McDonald, A. W. Stewart, J. W. Lee, L. H. Swayzee, G. B. Haynes, J. R. Downs.

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**Official Character:**

G. J. L. Brown, J. W. Terry, J. T. Payne.

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**Periodicals:**

O. W. Stewart, J. D. Rodgers, Sr., T. C. Crawford.

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**Thanks:**

Floyd Baker, Mrs. N. M. Hyde, J. D. Rogers, Sr.

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**Committee on Appeals:**

W. W. McDonlad, Sr., J. M. Owen, I. A. Patton.

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**Peace Committee:**

G. J. L. Brown, J. H. Lewis, Hrs. M. E. Bartlett.

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**Conference Charter:**

M. S. Hollinshead, Alex R. MacDonald, Joel Payne, J. D. Rodgers, W. W. McDonald.

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**Old Peoples Home:**

E. O. Hearn, O. W. Stewart, W. B. Kirkley.

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**Forward Movement:**

A. W. Stewart, B. F. Griffin, Ben Branch.

**Grievances:**

G. J. L. Brown, W. W. McDonald, J. N. Warner. (No report.)

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**India Mission Fund:**

A. W. Stewart, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, W. W. McDonald.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

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### EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit this, our report.

We are today living in the most progressive age of the world's history. To be prepared for the great duties of life that lie out before us, we must educate.

To compete with the tide and influx of immigration that is coming this way we must educate.

To meet the great responsibilities of life as a part of this great commonwealth, it behooves us to be more learned in the affairs of life that we may be better prepared to assist in solving some of the problems that will come before us.

The progress of our church colleges is marked, and, in a large measure, satisfactory, and the outlook is bright for greater achievements.

Not having any colleges within the bounds of the Methodist Protestant Conference of Louisiana, and therefore being a patronizing Conference of Westminster College at Tehuacana, Texas, we are glad to know that this institution of learning has a goodly numer of ministerial students from different States of the union as well as from our own State, and is having one of the best years of its history.

Through the aid of the Ministerial Board of Education it is possible for our ministerial students to attend Westminster College and to receive that line of instruction that will go to make them efficient for the work of the Master, and at the same time have the advantages in the way of work and practice that are so very necessary for the practical work of the pastors.

Therefore, in the interest of public welfare, and for our own denominational life, let us go on record as favoring and endorsing Westminster College for our ministerial students, and that we pledge our earnest co-operation in support of Christian education.

We recommend the following:

First:—That our young people, and especially our young ministers be urged to attend Westminster College.

Second:—That the representative of this institution of learning be given freedom to solicit students and funds with-

in the bounds of the Methodist Protestant Conference of Louisiana.

Third:—That an assessment be made by the Financial Committee for our College.

Let us go on record as favoring the following:

First:—We stand for an educated citizenship.

Second:—We stand for an educated ministry.

Third:—We pledge our unswerving devotion to the great public school system of Louisiana.

Fourth:—That we do all we can to foster Christian education among our people.

Fifth:—That the pastors of the several charges within the bounds of this Conference preach one sermon in each of his churches during each quarter along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. WARNER,
J. D. RODGERS,
E. C. WHITE.

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## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, submit this our report.

Whereas God has commanded all of the race of Adam, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," and no sin except perhaps idolatry is threatened with heavier penalties than Sabbath breaking, and no blessings promised that are sweeter and more far reaching than Sabbath Observance.

And whereas the sin of Sabbath breaking is growing more of a common practice not only with the race of Adam, but of and entailing the wrath and curse of Jehovah as individuals, and a nation. So much so in a general sense is this the case that this is an occasion to sound the "keynote" as a warning.

Whereas the tendency of the age, augmented by rapid transit and many other decoys, is to desecrate the day, and thus building up evil environments, that are seductive to the children of the age.

And whereas this practice is being indulged in by a great many who are professed christians, and leaders of society, making the decoy of example so subtle that the careful, watchful and prayerful christian child is caught up in the mad rush,

and often overcome by the evil force, we feel it imperative to call on the church for special prayer for deliverance and an outcry of warning from the pulpit.

Therefore be it resolved that we believe in the whole council of God, and that it is wisdom to obey Him, and the day when God blessed and sanctified the Sabbath day, that in the very act, he has shown his wisdom and love for not only man, but all creatures. And when he wrote on the table of stone with his finger, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," it had its double meaning to us, God's example and his command, "A delight, and the holy of the Lord," Isa. 58:13. It is to be known not by observance only, but by an exalted regard for it. A day of retreat from the world, and a day of silence, if we advance in the divine life.

Be it further resolved that as a christian and a church we will endeavor by the Grace of God, to do more during the next year to bring about a stricter observance of the Sabbath than we have ever done, believing that Sabbath desecration in its present form is one of the worst hindrances to the spread of Christ's Kingdom, and call upon every one to work and pray to this end.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LULA WARDLOW,
J. M. OWEN,
W. L. EDWARDS.

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## TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report for your favorable consideration.

The temperance question is engaging the serious consideration of all christians as it never has before.

The modern dram-drinker is regarded in a different light from what he was a decade ago.

Christians are living on a higher plane and our churches are admonished in a spirit of love to insist on the membership living up to their christian obligation.

Efficiency is the slogan of all nations of earth today, and this demand in crushing out intemperance in every form. This coupled with the assistance of christians is bringing to pass, the Temperance Motto, "A Saloonless Nation, 1920."

We have twenty-four states and Alaska that have voted statewide prohibition.

May God give us courage and faith to fight on until the Victory is won, it will be a shame for Louisiana, our own beloved state, not to be added to the list of White States, and be one of the thirty-six states necessary to carry National Prohibition.

We commend the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League for their great work, looking to this end, and pledge our hearty cooperation to them. We, the Methodist Protestant Church, do hereby put ourselves on record as being against not only all intoxicants, but tobacco in all of its forms as well. We believe not only in a tobaccoless ministry, but a tobaccoless church.

Therefore, we recommend that both preacher and laity condemn the use of alcohol and tobacco in all of its forms.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. E. BARTLETT,
J. N. HARRIS,
JOE TAYLOR.

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## RESCUE WORK.

We, your Committee on Rescue Work, submit this our report.

After having a consultation with Rev. L. H. Swayzee, we recommend that this Conference sell the Home of the Good Samaritan, and all property connected with it, to the said Rev. L. H. Swayzee, and that he assume all indebtedness against said property, and that the Methodist Protestant Conference be relieved of the responsibilities of all indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. McDONALD, Sr.
O. W. STEWART,
G. B. HAYNES,
J. W. LEE,
J. R. DOWNS,
L. H. SWAYZEE.

## ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

We, your Committee on Examination, Itineracy and Orders, submit the following report.

We recommend that J. D. Rodgers, Mrs. Lula Wardlow, E. W. Corley, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. S. A. Brady, Milton Kidd, and O. W. Nally, as suitable persons for elder's orders, and that they be ordained by this Conference.

We further recommend that R. L. Gunter be retained in the third year, that Lonnie Guinn, B. F. Griffin, J. F. Murrell, be retained in the second year.

We further recommend that O. W. Stewart, V. O. Jones, W. O. Tisdale, F. C. Futrell, be passed to the second year.

That H. H. Cantley, B. Deville, D. S. Johnson, C. W. Mason, and Mrs. L. M. Paul, be retained in the first year.

We also recommend that Talmage Methvin and W. W. Harris be received into this Conference, and that they be placed in the first year's course of study.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LYMAN SHOWS,
E. O. HEARN,
J. C. HEARN.

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## MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report.

Whereas, the Board of Foreign Missions of our church contemplates taking over the Mission work in India, which has been under the patronage of this Conference,

Whereas, the action of said Board seems to depend in some degree upon the attitude of the Louisiana Conference towards the proposed action;

Therefore, be it resolved, That this Conference urge our Board of Foreign Missions to proceed without delay to take full charge of the said Mission Work.

Resolved further, That this Conference pledge itself to contribute not less than $1,000.00 per annum to our Board of Foreign Missions for the support of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. STEWART,
MRS. M. E. BARTLETT,
W. W. McDONALD.

## FORWARD MOVEMENT.

We would not wish our Journal to come into print and go out to the several charges without expressing our appreciation of the "Forward Movement Campaign."

Therefore, we, the Louisiana Annual Conference, do fully appreciate the work of the Committee and most heartily endorse the action of the General Conference, and will be glad to cooperate with the Commission in any way that will forward the cause of the Kingdom of Christ and Our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. STEWART,
B. F. GRIFFIN,
BEN BRANCH.

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## CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, your Committee on Church Extension, submit this our report.

As we failed to meet during the past year, we did not do anything toward this work, but since coming to Conference we have called the committee together and have organized in disciplinary form, and will be ready for business as soon as we can get out the paper of incorporation.
"Israel," and in so doing are forfeiting the blessings promised,

Therefore, we urge the finance committee to make as large assessment for church extension as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LYMAN SHOWS,
W. W. McDONALD,
E. O. HEARN,
J. W. LEE,
A. W. STEWART.

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## OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

We, your Committee on Old People's Home, submit the following report.

Believing that it was wise to use the West LaFayette College property for an Old People's Home, and desiring that the Louisiana Conference be in line with the other Conferences of our denomination, we recommend that the Louisiana Conference cheerfully accept its apportionment of $100.00. That an offering be taken at this session of the Conference to be applied on said apportionment, and that the unpaid balance be proportioned to the different charges, with an interest of six per cent. Said amount to be paid before the meeting of the next General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. HEARN,
W. B. KIRKLEY,
O. W. STEWART.

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## INVESTIGATION AND PEACE.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report.

After a session of prayer, we considered the difference which existed between Bro. L. H. Swayzee and Sister S. A. Brady. We succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation. We found the report that had been circulated about Sister Brady to be untrue. The individual who started said report is known by all parties concerned to be unreliable.

Respectfully submitted,
G. J. L. BROWN,
J. H. LEWIS,
MRS. M. E. BARTLETT.

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## PERIODICALS.

Whereas, there is a tendency among our people to permit our church papers to be supplanted by secular and independent religious papers which have no claims on us and our people and do not advocate our church benevolences nor instruct in the teachings, the history and the achievements of our beloved Methodism, nor inspire loyalty to the same;

Therefore, we deem it very important that our people read one of the general church organs, and we further recommend

that both pastors and people put forth a greater effort toward a wider circulation of our own church paper.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. STEWART, Chairman,
J. D. RODGERS, Sr.,
T. C. CRAWFORD.

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## FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend that our President's salary be fixed at the sum of $1000.00 per annum. and that the President shall give his full time to the advancement of the best interests of the Methodist Protestant Church, within the bounds of the Louisiana Conference, visiting the stations, circuits, missions and the field, and that all the moneys collected by him shall be reported monthly to the financial secretary.

To meet this assessment each charge shall be assessed in proportion to their ability.

We ask this Conference to authorize this committee to meet with the President after the stationing committee has completed its work and apportion the assessment, and that the secretary of the finance committee notify the pastors of each church the amount of their assessment. Also that the pastors send the names and postoffice address of the delegates and stewards of each class to the secretary of the Finance Committee.

To cover all other Conference claims, assess each member of the church fifteen years of age or over, the sum of $1.00.

The assessment for the salary of the President to be collected by the pastors, assisted by the delegate and stewards and paid or sent direct to the President.

We recommend that each of our members adopt a systematic plan of tithing.

Conference claim assessment to be collected by the pastors and stewards promptly and sent by them to our conference steward, W. W. McDonald, Sr., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

The apportionment to be made by the Finance Committee and Conference Steward as follows: 65 per cent of the amount received to be paid into the general Conference by our Con-

ference Steward, and 35 per cent to be distributed as follows:

10 per cent Church Extension.
10 per cent Conference Secretary.
10 per cent minutes, printing and postage.
5 per cent Superannuated Ministers.

We further recommend that immediately after the stationing committee have assigned the pastors it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to have the Board of Stewards assess each class for their share of the pastor's salary, making the assessment of each member of the classes in proportion to their ability to pay, and it shall be the duty of the pastor to visit each member of his class and congregation at least once each quarter, and it shall be the duty of the pastor with the class steward's assistance, to collect the assessment for the President's salary and Conference claims, and any pastor failing to do so shall lay himself liable to reprimand by the Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. McDONALD, Chairman;
M. S. HOLLENSHEAD,
J. T. PAYNE,
J. D. RODGERS,
ALEX. R. MacDONALD.

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## GRATITUDE AND THANKS.

Whereas, the Methodist Protestant Church of Monroe, La., having given to the Louisiana Conference, a hearty and cordial invitation to hold its 70th Session in their midst, and

Whereas, pastor and people have given us a cordial welcome, having done all in their power to make our stay with them a pleasant one, therefore,

Resolved, First:—That we hereby express our gratitude and thanks for the kindness of the pastor and the people of Monroe in taking us into their hearts and homes, and giving us such royal entertainment.

Resolved, Second:—That we as a Conference on leaving this place will not forget to ask God's richest blessing upon

the church and people of this place, that they with us may finally receive the Christian's reward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FLOYD BAKER,
J. D. RODGERS, Sr.,
MRS. N. M. HYDE.

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## HOLINESS OR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION.

By Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett, at Winnfield, La., 1914:—

Whereas, Our Discipline says: "In 1729, two young men in England, reading the Bible, saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after, and incited others so to do, and in 1737 they saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified."

Whereas, All our books on Doctrine, in the course of study for our young preachers, teach this Bible truth, of entire sanctification, clearly and emphatically.

Whereas, this doctrine is a Bible truth, taught in the Bible from Genesis to Revelations be it, therefore,

Resolved, By the Louisiana Conference Methodist Protestant Church, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Protestant Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness as a second definite work of grace, and her attitude toward those seeking the higher life, and that we invite the co-operation of all those who hold this truth in wisdom, to unite with us in spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

# APPOINTMENTS

| PLACE | CHURCHES | PASTOR |
|---|---|---|
| Pollock | Pollock | F. Lyman Shows |
| Monroe | Monroe | To be Supplied |
| Jonesboro | Jonesboro<br>Center Point<br>Quitman<br>Ansley<br>Evergreen | J. M. Owen |
| Saline | Saline<br>Strange<br>Antioch | J. D. Rodgers |
| Arcadia | Arcadia<br>Springhill<br>Cross Roads<br>Bethlehem<br>Providence | A. T. Ezell |
| Dodson | Dodson<br>Hudson<br>New Hope<br>Union Hill<br>Winnfield | L. P. Moreland |
| Beala | Beala<br>Jena<br>Larto | B. Deville |
| Queen City | Courtland<br>Terry's Chapel<br>Spencer's Chapel | B. F. Griffin |

| PLACE | CHURCHES | PASTOR |
|---|---|---|
| Shady Grove | Shady Grove<br>Taylor's Chapel<br>Gray's School House | J. A. Riley |
| Eros | Eros<br>Head's School House<br>Pleasant Valley | D. T. Ponder |
| Hicks | Couley<br>Colfax<br>Mt. Zion<br>Collins Chapel<br>Atlanta | E. W. Corley |
| Chatham | Chatham<br>Concord<br>Union | J. C. Hearn |
| Fish Creek | Fish Creek<br>Barron's Chapel<br>Bethel<br>Ursary | G. J. L. Brown |
| Strickland | Spring Hill<br>Ball<br>Bentley<br>Sunrise<br>Clear Creek | I. A. Patton |
| | Hollins Chapel<br>Sand Spur | O. W. Nalley<br>Associate Pastor |
| Rochelle | Rochelle<br>Damascus<br>Lewis Chapel<br>Welcome Home | J. H. Lewis |
| Winsboro | Midway<br>Liddyville,<br>Cedar Grove<br>Lone Cedar | V. O. Jones |

| PLACE | CHURCHES | PASTOR |
|---|---|---|
| Antioch | Antioch<br>Walnut Grove | E. O. Hearn |
| Rice | Mt. Pleasant<br>Zora<br>Bill's Creek<br>Union Grove | J. F. Murrall |
| Mt. Nebo | Bethel<br>Mt Nebo<br>Beulah<br>Union Class | A. Deville |
| Grayson | Grayson<br>Shilo<br>Good Hope<br>Oak Grove | J. W. Lee |
| Union Grove | Union Grove<br>Concord<br>Odom's School House | Milton Kidd |
| West Carroll | Locust Grove<br>Forest<br>Kilborne | To be Supplied |
| Spring Lake | Bethlehem<br>Shilo<br>Heflin<br>Hall Summit | John W. Terry |
| Sardis Mission | Sardis<br>Union Grove | W. S. Dunn |
| Mangham Mission | Stout's View<br>Holly Wood<br>Robertson's School House | D. S. Johnson<br>Mrs. Ada Johnson |

| PLACE | CHURCHES | PASTOR |
|---|---|---|
| Robert's Mission | Roberts | W. W. Harris |
| Pineville Mission | Pineville<br>Urania | Mrs. M. E. Bartlett |

## EVANGELISTS

J. A. Wade
J. R. Downs
Mrs. Arah Beville
Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett
J. C. Hearn
J. C. Little
Mrs. Lula Wardlow
Mrs. Mary E. Perdue
M. S. Hollinshead

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES

E. A Dennard
H. H. Cantley
J. A. Holt
Mrs. L. M. Paul
R. L. Gunter
W. T. Methvin
J. F. Reid

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

L. H. Swayzee, Manager of Home of the Good Samaritan
Rev. O. W. Stewart, State Secretary Christian Endeavor

## IN COLLEGE

F. C. Futrell
W. O. Tisdale

## WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

R. L. Gunter
P. A. Smart
J. F. Hearn
Lonnie Guinn
Mrs. S A. Brady
W. F. Fordham
J. T. Smith

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on the 19th and 20th of November, 1916, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana Conference,

J. D. Rodgers — Mrs. S. A. Brady
Mrs. Lula Wardlow — Mrs. Ada Johnson
E. W. Corley — Milton Kidd
O. W. Nalley

(Signed) ENOCH M. MOUSER, President.

Monroe, La., Nov. 21st, 1916.

## OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE

This certifies that the Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions, printed herein, were made the Official Record of the Seventieth Session of the Louisiana Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, held at Monroe, Louisiana, November 17-20, 1916.

(Signed) MARY E. PERDUE, Secretary.

## PENTECOSTAL SERVICES.

The opening sermon of the Conference was preached by Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett of Texas. Subject, "The dangers and opportunities of the church."

Dr. Crates Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, had charge of the services Friday afternoon and brought to us a stirring message, theme, "The most beautiful word."

The Saturday morning service was conducted by Dr. Geo. H. Miller of Ohio, who brought to us a message of encouragement, theme, "Opportunity and its privileges."

Rev. J. C. Williams, President of our College at Tehaucana, Texas, brought the message Saturday evening, subject, "Reminiscences of the little church."

Rev. R. H. M. Watson of Mississippi preached Sunday morning, his subject, "The journey of life and its perils." This message was calculated to make people more thoughtful, and more careful.

Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett preached Sunday night, subject, "The message of the three angels."

Rev. M. S. Hollinshead preached Monday morning, theme, "The oneness of God's people."

Rev. J. M. Owen, our pastor from Jonesboro, La., had charge of the closing services Monday afternoon and brought us an old time message on "Entire Sanctification."

At the different services, the altar was filled with penitent seekers, and old time shouts were heard in the congregation.

At the missionary rally Sunday afternoon $1,000.00 was raised in cash and pledges for the work in India.

## BY-LAWS.

Section 1. No delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials, or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in the case of alternate, the certificate will so express it.

Sec. 2. Delegates of the Annual Conference shall be elected from members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place, and give notice of the election. The election shall be held under the direction of the stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election, and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly; provided, that in the case of a tie, member of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected, then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the Conference. That no one, especially the men, shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor, and the claims for the General Annual Conference.

Sec. 3. No persons shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment, and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, and faithful in the discharge of Gospel duties.

Sec. 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than one year; at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Sec. 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expir-

ed, except by consent of the President, for reason, by him deemed expedient.

Sec. 6. The President shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank PASTOR'S report at least 10 days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference, that each pastor may give a disciplinary report of his labors, that the report be handed to the chairman on pastor's reports immediately after the opening of the Conference on the first day, and that as soon as passed upon by committee and Conference said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offence he shall be reprimanded by the President, and for the second offence shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the evangelists and Conference missionaries read their report to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge, and that he insist on a strict obedience of the vows made when uniting with the church.

Sec. 7. The Board of Stewards of each charge shall soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the fourth quarterly conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay, and that the stewards see that the same is paid promptly, and in connection with Sec. 7 we recommend that each steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president and to the general interest of the church, and that the stewards notify the pastor of the number that are inefficient, and that the pastor's report show the number of members that do not help support the church.

Sec. 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church, no one shall be entitled to a vote, except those who are eighteen years of age, and are contributing members in full membership.

Sec. 9. Any member twenty-one years of age, and in good standing and in full membership for one year, is eligible to any office in the church, and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided, that where a church, circuit, station or mission, has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church, or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such

as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Sec. 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Sec. 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Sec. 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for the various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during its session, and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Sec. 14. He shall pay over to the different boards, or persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes, taking receipt, and of which and other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Sec. 15. At the first quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the fourth quarterly Conference, for his support during the year. Immediately after each quarterly Conference the pastor shall call the attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid, and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with section 15, we recommend that at the fourth quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected whose duty it shall be to collect the general and Conference claims, and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference Steward, and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor of the amount received and how appropriated. And that the pastor keep a record of same for his final report.

Sec. 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Sec. 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary, and propertly arranged for printing in the annual minutes, for which he shall receive reason-

able compensation, and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books, journals, records and proceedings of Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Sec. 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid, as council one layman from each work represented.

Sec. 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to any one appointment, who, in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments, and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher, who, in the judgment of the conference, is entitled to a superannuated relationship, shall be transferred.

Sec. 21. It will be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District, and have same recorded.

Sec. 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3 o'clock p. m. on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Sec. 23. These By-Laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the Conference.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

Section 1. The Conference shall meet at 10 a. m. and adjourn at 11 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure on first day. Each succeeding day shall meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 11 a. m., meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

Sec. 2. The President shall take the chair on time and cause the Conference to be opened with religious services.

Sec. 3. The President shall decide all questions of order,

subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of such an appeal, the question will be taken without debate.

Sec. 4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

Sec. 5. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctively announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Sec. 6. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Sec. 7. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Sec. 8. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Sec. 9. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which are placed, namely: First, indefinite postponements; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute or amendment may be amended.

Sec. 10. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Sec. 11. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Sec. 12. When a member wishes to speak to a question of privilege he shall briefly state question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

Sec. 13. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than

once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution, or a committee making report, shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Sec. 14. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration, but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 15. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without leave, unless he is sick and unable to attend.

Sec. 16. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when he has been necessarily absent.

Sec. 17. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

Sec. 18. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by the yeas and nays.

Sec. 19. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases in which character is involved.

Sec. 20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 21. The President shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify said chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of Conference.

Sec. 22. The committee on examinations shall be appointed one year in advance, and shall meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to the convening of that body, and that the undergraduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

## ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES.

1. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, and is a divine institution.

2. Christ is the only head of the church, and the Word of God the only rule of faith and practice.

3. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the Gospel of God, our Savior, ought to be deprived of church membership.

4. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow-men.

5. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrines, or for the neglect of duties enjoined by the Word of God.

6. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of divine appointment and all elders of the church of God are equal, but ministers are forbidden to be lords over God's heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the saints.

7. The church has the right to form and enforce such rules and regulations as is inherent in the ministerial and members of the church, but so much of the power may be delegated from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

8. It is the duty of all ministers and members of the church to maintain godliness, and oppose all moral evil.

9. It is obligatory on ministers of the Gospel to be faithful in the discharge of their pastoral and ministerial duties, and it is also obligatory on its members to esteem ministers highly for work's sake, and to render a righteous compensation for their labors.

10. The church ought to secure to all her official bodies the necessary authority for the purpose of good government, but she has no right to create any distinct or independent sovereignties.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| | PASTORS | CHARGES | Number of Classes at beginning | Number of Classes at present | Local Preachers | Itinerate Ministers | Members at beginning | Members at present | Accessions during year | Dismissed, Dropped or Lettered | Deaths | Net Increase | Adult Probationers at beginning | Infant Probationers at beginning | Withdrawals, Discontinued or Deceased | Adults elected to Full Membership | Probationers on Roll at present | Net Increase | Adults Baptized during Year | Infants Baptized during Year | Church Buildings at beginning | New Church Buildings during Year | Parsonages at beginning | Parsonages at present | Church Buildings worth | Parsonages worth | President's Salary paid | Pastor's Salary paid | Paid Evangelist | Indian Mission Fund paid | Incidentals | Sabbath Schools at beginning | New Schools during Year | Officers and Teachers | Schools at present | Christian Endeavor Societies at present | Officers | Membership at present | Church Periodicals read by Members | Annual and Gen. Conf. Claims paid direct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | G. J. L. Brown | Fish Creek | 4 | 4 | | | 156 | 160 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | | 28 | | | 43 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 3 | | | | $ 800.00 | | $ 13.80 | $ 301.00 | | | | 4 | | 16 | 165 | | | | | $ 17.00 |
| 2 | Mrs. S. A. Brady | Monroe | 1 | 1 | | | 58 | 41 | 1 | 17 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 2,000.00 | $1,500.00 | 24.95 | 161.05 | $24.00 | $42.99 | 75.81 | 1 | | 7 | 57 | | | 4 | | |
| 3 | Mrs. M. E. Bartlett | Pineville Mission | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 22 | 26 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | 12.60 | 158.85 | | | | 1 | 1 | 8 | 50 | | | | | 13.50 |
| 4 | E. W. Corley | Union Grove | 3 | 3 | | | 95 | 110 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 15 | | | | | | | 19 | 4 | 1 | | | | 500.00 | | 20.50 | 231.00 | 50.00 | | 8.00 | 1 | | 5 | 40 | | | | | 8.30 |
| 5 | B. Deville | Beala | 5 | 4 | 4 | | 138 | 145 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 600.00 | | 15.08 | 93.15 | | | | 2 | 1 | 14 | 90 | | | 2 | | 6.88 |
| 6 | W. S. Dunn | Sardis Mission | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 23 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 250.00 | | 4.50 | 12.50 | | | | 1 | | 3 | 35 | | | | | |
| 7 | J. R. Down | Luna Church | 1 | | | | 45 | 51 | 6 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | | | | 300.00 | | 8.50 | 33.25 | | | | 1 | | 4 | 30 | | | | | 5.04 |
| 8 | E. A. Dennard | Sunrise Mission | 1 | | 1 | | 32 | 31 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 500.00 | | 3.45 | 87.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | A. T. Ezell | Arcadia | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 104 | 104 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | 4,000.00 | 600.00 | 40.25 | 268.46 | | 10.00 | | 1 | | 7 | 36 | | | | | 74.80 |
| 10 | B. F. Griffin | Queen City | 4 | 4 | | | 106 | 106 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | 5 | 2 | | | | | 1,200.00 | | 6.10 | 111.30 | | | | 2 | | 10 | 120 | | | | | |
| 11 | J. C. Hearne | Grayson | 3 | 3 | | | 98 | 99 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1,500.00 | 800.00 | 50.50 | 235.00 | | 58.00 | | 3 | | 16 | 135 | | | 1 | | 6.71 |
| 12 | J. A. Holt | Roberts Mission | 1 | 1 | | | 38 | 66 | 29 | | 1 | 28 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 750.00 | | 1.50 | | | | | 1 | | 4 | 30 | | | | | |
| 13 | E. O. Hearne | Chatham | 5 | 5 | | | 343 | 345 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | 2,600.00 | | 36.00 | 192.15 | | 5.00 | | 3 | 1 | 26 | 175 | | | | | 10.50 |
| 14 | J. F. Hearne | Antioch | 4 | 4 | 2 | | 151 | 151 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1.40 | 112.65 | | | | 1 | | 3 | 50 | | | | | |
| 15 | Milton Kidd | Mangham Mission | 3 | 3 | | | 51 | 50 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 150.00 | 200.00 | 10.20 | 13.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | | 3.00 |
| 16 | J. W. Lee | Hicks | 5 | 5 | | | 149 | 150 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 | | 24 | | 2 | 25 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 1,500.00 | 300.00 | 40.10 | 384.00 | | 40.00 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 50 | | | 2 | | 20.25 |
| 17 | J. H. Lewis | Rochelle | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 61 | 100 | 41 | | 2 | 39 | | 5 | | | | | | 10 | 3 | | | | 750.00 | | 14.25 | 190.58 | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 40 | | | 2 | | 11.75 |
| 18 | L. P. Moreland | Dodson | 3 | 3 | | | 79 | 79 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 1,250.00 | | 37.50 | 256.21 | | | 1.65 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 47 | | | 5 | | 1.00 |
| 19 | J. F. Murrell | Heflin | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | 600.00 | | 3.60 | 65.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | J. F. Murrell | Spring Lake | 2 | 2 | | | 80 | 79 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1,500.00 | | 25.50 | 50.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | J. M. Owens | Jonesboro | 4 | 4 | | | 152 | 153 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 3,000.00 | 800.00 | 77.70 | 420.45 | | | 18.00 | 4 | | 15 | 227 | | | 10 | | 13.80 |
| 22 | J. M. Owens | Evergreen Church | | 1 | 1 | | | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 7 | | | | | | | | 24.10 | | | | | 1 | 4 | 49 | | | | | |
| 23 | I. A. Patton | Strickland | 5 | 5 | | | 138 | 147 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | | | | | | | | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 2,000.00 | 250.00 | 28.10 | 367.00 | | | | 1 | 1 | 9 | | | | | | |
| 24 | J. D. Rogers | Saline | 3 | 3 | | | 162 | 169 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 1,500.00 | | 29.46 | 275.00 | | | | 2 | | 12 | 103 | | | 3 | | 6.70 |
| 25 | F. L. Shows | Pollock | 1 | 1 | | | 100 | 104 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | 6 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2,700.00 | 1,000.00 | 75.00 | 620.53 | | 5.50 | | 1 | | 12 | 169 | 1 | 4 | 60 | 18 | 419.30 |
| 26 | J. W. Terry | Mount Nebo | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 103 | 130 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 27 | | 25 | | 2 | 29 | 4 | 10 | 6 | x | | 1 | 1 | 400.00 | 600.00 | 50.00 | 298.32 | | 4.48 | | 2 | | 13 | 150 | | | 1 | | 48.52 |
| | | TOTAL | 75 | 74 | 13 | 1 | 2487 | 2642 | 229 | 65 | 24 | 161 | 3 | 82 | | 4 | 97 | 20 | 66 | 54 | xx | | 9 | 9 | $ 30,350.00 | $6,050.00 | $630.54 | $4,962.07 | $74.00 | $165.97 | $103.46 | 35 | 8 | 200 | 1848 | 1 | 4 | 60 | 48 | $667.05 |

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